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## DAY AND NIGHT PATROLS TO GUARD CZECHOSLOVAK HARVEST

A. Switorka, chief of the Fire Protection Service for Czechoslovakia, has ordered the local units of the national committees and local units of the United Czechoslovak Firefighters to maintain guards night and day in the harvest fields, and to insure proper inspection of all equipment, machinery, etc., used during the season, in order to prevent fires. He issued the following statement:

Although most fires are due to carelessness or indifference, many acts of sabotage have occurred, especially on JZD (Unified Agricultural Cooperative) property, on state farms, and in communal enterprises, where the village rich and their adherents from the bourgeois classes try to hinder socialism by setting fires.

In the last 3 years of the Five-Year-Plan, fire losses were equal to the cost of constructing 12,000 family units consisting of one room and kitchen, together with all furnishings.

In Gottwaldov Kraj, the people's administration has succeeded in incorporating almost all the people into fire warden units and night and day harvest guards. However, in a number of small villages, there is no firefighting equipment or provisions at all. There are also some places where the utmost indifference toward any safety measures prevails. In such places it is imperative that vigilance increased and that fire-prevention rules and regulations be observed most acrupulously.

It is definitely the obligation of Communist Party members to mobilize themselves and others in this fire-prevention program.

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